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PULL-OUT GUIDE FITTINGS FOR
DRAWERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the damping device (7) comprises a cylinder and a piston linearly displaceable therein.

4. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the damping device (7) comprises a rotary damper.

5. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the damping device (7) is effective between the drawer track (5) and the support track (3).

7. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the damping device (7) is effective between the drawer track (5) and the center track (6).

9. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the damping device (7) is effective between the support track (3) and the center track (6).

11. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that between the support track (3) and the center track (6), as well as also between the center track (6) and the drawer track (5), a damping device (7) is effective.

13. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the stops (8) are formed by plates which project from the tracks (3, 5, 6) laterally and/or downwardly.

14. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the damping device (7) comprises a rotary damper with a pinion (11), wherein the pinion (11) meshes with two traverses (9) with toothed rack profile.

15. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a coupling attachment is provided for coupling the drawer track (5) and the center track (6), and that the damping device (7) is effective between the drawer track (5) and the support track (3) or between the center track (6) and the support track (3).

16. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is developed as a differential pull-out with a control between the tracks (3, 5, 6) and that the damping device (7) is effective between at least two of the tracks (3, 5, 6).

17. (Amended) Pull-out guide fittings as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that a coupling attachment for coupling the drawer track (5) and the center track (6) is provided as well

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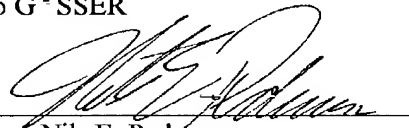
The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

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